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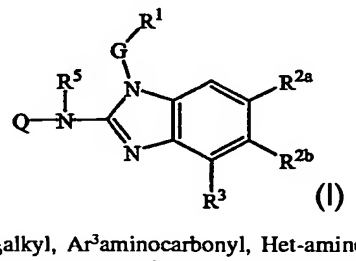

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(57) Abstract: The present invention concerns 5- or 6-substituted-benzimidazole derivatives having inhibitory activity on the replication of the respiratory syncytial virus and having the formula (I) a prodrug, *N*-oxide, addition salt, quaternary amine, metal complex or stereochemically isomeric form thereof wherein Q is Ar^2, R^6, pyrrolidinyl substituted with R^6, piperidinyl substituted with R^6 or homopiperidinyl substituted with R^6, G is a direct bond or optionally substituted C_{1-10}alkanediyl; R^1 is Ar^1 or a monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle; one of R^{2a} and R^{2b} is cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkenyl, Ar^3C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, $N(R^{8a}R^{8b})C_{1-6}$alkyl, Ar^3C_{2-6}alkenyl, Het-C_{2-6}alkenyl, Ar^3aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, Het-aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^3thioC_{1-6} alkyl, Het-thioC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^3sulfonylC_{1-6} alkyl, HetsulfonylC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^3aminocarbonyl, Het-aminocarbonyl, $Ar^3(CH_2)_n$aminocarbonyl, Het-$(CH_2)_n$aminocarbonyl, Ar^3carbonylamino, Het-carbonylamino, $Ar^3(CH_2)_n$carbonylamino, Het-$(CH_2)_n$carbonylamino, and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{2b} is hydrogen; in case R^{2a} is hydrogen, then R^3 is hydrogen; in case R^{2b} is hydrogen, the R^3 is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl. It further concerns their preparation and compositions comprising them, as well as their use as a medicine.

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